

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in the application with amended claim 1 being independent.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish over the prior art. Claim 1 recites an independent fence face **20** having an inner face **36** engaging said first side **30** and defining a plurality of spaced recesses **43** therein with one of said recesses **43** aligning with each of said studs **28**. Claim 1 further recites each of said recesses **43** having a groove extending into said bottom of said recess **43**. Claim 1 further recites a plurality of plates **40** with one of said plates **40** . . . disposed in each of said recesses **43** and each of said plates **40** including a center section . . . [with] each of said center sections defining a keyhole shaped slot **42**.

Additionally, claim 1 recites said head **32** of each of said studs **28** disposed in said groove under said center section to removably attach said fence face **20** to said fence **22**."

The *Welch* '162 patent discloses, in Figure 1, a shank **62** and an expanded head **60** with the expanded head disposed in a pocket **38**. The expanded head **60** in the '162 patent is equivalent to the stud head **32** of Figure 9 of the subject application. The shank **62** in the '162 patent is equivalent to the shaft **34** of Figure 9 of the subject application. The pocket **38** in the '162 patent is equivalent to the recess **43** of Figure 2 of the subject application.

The prior art does not disclose a groove extending into the bottom of the respective recess **43** as is recited in claim 1 of the subject application. Moreover, the prior art does not disclose the stud head **34** being disposed in such a groove. In contradistinction, the '162 patent discloses the expanded head **60** being disposed in the pocket **38**. This would be equivalent to the stud head **34** of the subject application being disposed in the respective recess **43**, and not in the respective groove, as is claimed in the subject application. This is a subtle but important distinction.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the amended claims, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants' representative invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned if any outstanding issues remain with respect to the application proceeding to allowance.

A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the necessary fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1061 in the name of Dickinson Wright, PLLC.

A petition for revival due to unintentional delay under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) is being filed concurrently with this Amendment with the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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